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SUBJECT: SECURITY OFFICER STAFFING AT KINSHASA

REF: BRAZZAVILLE 980

1. I HAVE DISCUSSED RSO PETER SPALDING'S POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT TO BRAZZAVILLE AS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER WITH SPALDING AND, BRIEFLY, WITH CHARGE KATZEN. I UNDERSTAND THAT SPALDING WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND HIS PROFESSIONAL HORIZONS AND PROSPECTS FOR ADVANCEMENT BY MOVING INTO ADMIN WORK. WHILE NOT IN A POSITION TO ASSESS SPALDING'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUCH A MOVE, I DO NOT WISH TO STAND IN HIS WAY AND THEREFORE DO NOT OBJECT TO CHARGE KATZEN'S REQUEST PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT KINSHASA IS ASSURED OF ADEQUATE SECURITY COVERAGE. SUCH COVERAGE IS ESSENTIAL IN VIEW OF THE VOLATILITY OF THE SECURITY SITUATION IN ZAIRE AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF US FACILITIES (INCLUDING TWO CONSULATES DISTANT FROM THE CAPITAL, AND PERSONNEL THAT MUST BE PROTECTED.

2. SPECIFICALLY, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS MISSION HAVE AN EXPERIENCED, SENIOR SECURITY OFFICER ON BOARD AT ALL TIMES. IF THAT OFFICER IS TO RETAIN REGIONAL JURISDICTION, EVEN IF  
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LIMITED TO ZAIRE AND CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE, THEN HE SHOULD BE ASSISTED BY A SECOND RSO, AS IS NOW THE CASE. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, SPALDING WERE TO ASSUME FULL SY RESPONSIBILITY FOR BRAZZAVILLE AS PART OF HIS ASSIGNMENT THERE, AND THE KINSHASA OFFICER HAD NO OTHER COUNTRIES TO COVER, I WOULD THEN CONCUR IN ELIMINATING KINSHASA'S ASSISTANT RSO POSITION. IN EITHER CASE, A QUALIFIED REPLACEMENT FOR SPALDING SHOULD BE DESIGNATED

AND SENT TO KINSHASA IN TIME TO OBVIATE ANY GAP IN THIS POST'S  
SY COVERAGE. IF NECESSARY, THIS MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY PROVIDING  
TDY ADMIN ASSISTANCE TO BRAZZAVILLE PENDING THE ARRIVAL OF  
SPALDING'S SUCCESSOR HERE.  
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